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Pennsylvania Egg Production Up 4 Percent in June

HARRISBURG, PA, July 24, 2006 - - Egg production in Pennsylvania during June 2006 totaled 558 million eggs, up 4 percent from the 538 million eggs produced in June 2005, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The total number of layers averaged 23.8 million during June, up 3 percent from last year. Production per 100 layers was 2,346 eggs during the month, an increase of 6 eggs from June 2005.

Egg-type chicks hatched during June 2006 totaled 4.74 million, down 1 percent from the 4.77 million hatched the previous June. Broiler-type chicks hatched totaled 14.1 million during June 2006, down 1 percent from the 14.0 million hatched during the same month last year.

United States' egg production totaled 7.38 billion during June 2006, up 1 percent from last year's total during June. The total number of layers during June averaged 342 million, up 1 percent from the number of layers during the same month last year. June egg production per 100 layers was 2159 eggs, down 3 eggs from the same month last year.

Egg-type chicks hatched in the United States during June totaled 37.7 million, up 8 percent from June 2005. Broiler-type hatch totaled 788 million, down 1 percent from last year at this time. There were 25.7 million turkey poults placed in the United States during June 2006, up 6 percent from the placements during the same month a year ago.

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